

Sister Marian Blodis
May 04, 1930 - November 26, 2006

Baptismal Name: Mary Catherine
Place of Birth: McKees Rocks, PA
Parents: Joseph Blauzdis & Eva Mikenas
Siblings: Lucille, Nicholas, Genevieve and Henry
Date of Entrance: September 8, 1947
Education: St. Vincent Elem., Esplen PA
St. Francis Academy: Mt. Mercy
(BA/Science) Notre Dame (MTS)
Washington Theological

Ministry:

Shortly after she made her first profession of vows in 1949 Sister Marian began her 23-year teaching ministry with her first assignment in Grand Rapids MI. These years saw her serving in Pittsburgh at St. Gabriel's as well as St. Casimir High School in South Side. She completed 19 years of teaching at St. Francis Academy in 1975 where she found working with young people both stimulating as well as challenging.

Because of her love for community her vision for religious life was recognized by her sisters and she was elected as a General Councilor for the congregation in 1968. During this time of challenge and turmoil for the Church and religious life during these years, Sister Marian served her sisters as General Council for 12 years, from 1968 until 1980. That year she was elected Major Superior. During her 1st term as superior, the rewriting of the TOR Rule took place internationally. The revised Constitution was distributed to the Congregation in 1988 at the close of Sister Marian's second term of office.

Sister's love of community came always as a priority; sometimes at the cost of her own health. During the 1990's Sister continued to wage her ongoing battle with health concerns—even while serving in Leadership as Assistant to the first USA Provincial Minister

For family, she was a pillar of strength, for community she was "sister" and model for faithfulness and commitment. For colleagues, she was a woman of God and the Church. On November 26, 2006, she lost her valiant battle against cancer and returned to the Lord.



"Let them acknowledge that all good belongs to God. "